

whispered hoarsely, "for I want to tell you that I have left your aunt in your keeping. Be a son to her, boy, for the little time she is with you. It won't be long," and his eyes fondly rested on the bowed head of the sad-eyed woman who crept up closer and took his hand from Dick.

"No, John, it won't be long—oh, I hope, dear, it won't be long—I could not bear to have it long," she murmured.

"Margie and I'll take care of her, Uncle John," and again Dick put his arm about the slight, trembling form.

Into Uncle John's fast-glazing eyes there came a gleam as with a sigh his face slowly settled in that peace which passeth all understanding.

Gently I took his hand from the clasp of Aunt Mary's and said as Dick closed the eyes and drew up the sheet across the stiffening form: "Come."

Then the flood gates broke. Gentle Aunt Mary became a woman, imbued with marvelous will, waging the ever-losing battle against fate.

"Margie, Margie," she cried, "there is my whole thought, my whole love, my whole life, and it has gone out and left me stranded. What shall I do?"

Why should life seize upon a woman and after whirling her into the great current of passion and love—after letting her hold in her arms close—close—the one being who has had the magic power to unlock her heart and after cementing this companionship with the joys and sorrows of years, snatch him from her and throw her bodily into the awful morass of loneliness and despair.

"Oh, John, John, take me with you—take me with you," she begged as she fell across the still form on the bed.

Dick carried her upstairs.

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